

CATCH-TOWER OBSERVATIONS

Material and Immaterial Sport Stylisms by Roscoe Fawcett.

"Nick Williams, of the Portland Northwesterns, is a Free Agent—He is Keeping Books This Winter and Can Quit Any Time"—Abe's Philosophy.

LEADERS DURING NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE STRUGGLE OF 1912, AS SHOWN BY OFFICIAL AVERAGES



into one's head." If the boys choose to write on such, far be it from us to cavil. Some of the rest of us have drawn an inadequate, but useful, salary for years on a similarly slender foundation.

SOME political facts and fancies. One of the first men to telegraph condolence to Roosevelt was John L. Sullivan. John was also wounded in a great battle.

Woodrow Wilson was a great half-back in his days. He is 56 years old. Business men at Taft, Cal., may get together and vote a change in name.

Wilson's Roosevelt made a great cheerleader. Wilson was not elected President because of his college connections, but in spite of them.

The Chicago Cubs did not vote for Eugene Chaffin.

The Sacramento ball managers are debating where to train the Senators next Spring. Leave them on the commons at home and they can still finish in sixth place.

BACK in effect Boston the Winter league, whose membership includes some of baseball's best known fans, has adopted for a mascot a bull that was born at Johnny Oliver's farm last Saturday when the league was there for an outing.

If Boston's Winter league is modeled after the Chicago club no longer, was not disclosed by Murphy.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 9.—"I will not stir from my ranch in Glendora until I am paid \$20,000," claims about the deal whereby he had been transferred to the Cincinnati Reds by President Murphy of the Chicago Cubs.

"That bit about Garry Herrmann paying \$1000 for me is all bull," Murphy got much more than that and I want \$20,000 before I go to the Reds."

CINCINNATI, Nov. 9.—President Herrmann, of the Cincinnati baseball club, has informed today that Frank Chance, who he did not know whether he would use the former Chicago manager next season.

STAR FOOTBALL PLUNGER ADVISES HOW TO PLAY HALFBACK POSITION

Keep Your Eyes Open and Watch for Holes on Offense and Don't Jump Into Play on Defense Until You Know Where It Is Going, Says Dudley Clarke, Multnomah Luminary.

BY DUDLEY R. CLARKE.

(Dudley R. Clarke is recognized as the peer of any Northwest gridiron player as a plunger back. If not the superior of all. He has played football since he was 8 years old, with four years at Portland Academy, four years at the University of Oregon, and two years at Multnomah Club as a record of continuous service. He has played every position on an eleven except as a half-back.)

Football is a matter of brain as well as brawn. No matter what physical qualifications a player may possess, he is inferior to a player not his equal physically unless he uses his head as well as his tremendous strength, bulk, and speed. Nowhere is the exercise of brain more essential than at halfback.

Keep your head up, watch for the hole, and when you see it strike hard and quickly. That is my best advice for an offensive halfback. There is a hole there, no matter how big, if you can only see it. The man who is heavy enough to see that opening, and fast enough to shoot through at the right moment, is the successful offensive halfback.

Broadly speaking, my advice for a defensive back is to hold his position until he knows where the attack is going to be, and then act quickly. Instinct will often tell him, when a knowledge of the opening team's line of attack fails, just where the attack is going to be, and if he keeps his place until he knows where the attack is coming from, there is no danger of the defeat from the use of the trick plays so often uncovered in these gridiron days.

Keep your own alley clean." is the fundamental principle of football. This means to linemen and back, take care of your own territory. The tendency, particularly on the part of green men, is to swing towards a prospective center of assault, leaving unprotected an entire wing for a bewildering attack of the enemy. Let every lineman attend to his man, and the ends in proper position to force the runner in, and the backs will take care of the rest.

The trouble with the average half-back is that he cannot see the holes, but maddly butts into an opponent without an appreciable gain. Any back who is fast and has an eye for the openings, can make good yards. Take three backfield men of this caliber and it's easy for them to make yardage under the four-down rule of the 1913 game.

The trouble with many men is that



Dudley R. Clarke, Famous Northwest Halfback.

they are slow to see the openings, swing back of their line and leave the interference, only to be downed for a big loss instead of a gain. Keep to the interference as long as possible, then strike hard and quickly for the opening. A fierce lunge will widen that gap wonderfully, for the man going the fastest always has the advantage.

On the defensive, the half should play in close this year on account of the four-down rule, which makes it easier to make yards, and so essential that the line be bolstered up with a strong secondary defense. But the back must not go forward until he is certain that the play is coming towards him. Then go to the play, don't wait for it to come to you.

The half must be in position to sprint back as well as forward. He is a veteran, fast on his feet, and with an instinctive knowledge of the game, he may play closer the line than the green men, for he knows intuitively when a pass is contemplated, and can jump back into position to intercept it.

The Multnomah Club team can beat

FROM Helena, Montana, telegraph wires ticked out a dream story a few days ago, in which Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington Americans, was credited with saving his own life by heaving an infuriated deer with a rock the size of a baseball.

Simultaneously from all extremes of the nation the boys began kidding him. "Griffith owns a ranch at Helena and spends his off-season hunting there," says Ed Hughes, of Seattle. "But he hasn't enough speed left to break a pane of glass, and he'll have an awful time making his friends believe that part of the story."

"Will not do around the big show," interjects Damon Runyan, the clever baseball twirler on the New York American. "They've been unable to find any steam to Old Fox's delivery, even with a gage, for some time past."

Reminiscent of the yarn some will recall the story of George Engle, of Vancouver, a pitching staff, who has been getting by for several years with only a wind-up and a prayer. The old Portland star had had some word with a player of the Spokane team one day and when this man came to bat, Bobby James crept in to George and whispered venomously:

"Bean hit George, Bean hit him." "With withering scorn George eyed him." "Bean hit?" he answered. "Bean hit?" "With what?"

WHEN Principal Otto Luther, of the Queen Ann High School of Seattle, failed to hear the noon whistles last Tuesday he was amazed and immediately began an investigation. His inquiry resulted in every student in his room being hauled up before the bar on a charge of wearing obscene hosiery.

Some of the socks were pink with purple embroidery; some orange and green, but in every case the boys had affixed a double roll at the end of the trouser to better display the glorious scenery to the girls. The boys were "Fall down your—your—your trousers!" gasped the startled Luther. "Then every man jack of you change hose when you reach home this afternoon."

Luther was right. People who wear socks that make more noise than the old settlers' meeting ought to keep the ferocity of their footwear vello or occupy the very back seats.

CHARLES WEBB MURPHY, who owns the Chicago National League ball club, when Charles Taft is in Cincinnati, is to lift the National sport from the realms of materialism into boundless idealism. On the eve of a hasty departure for the East he announced that next season band concerts will be given at all ball games at Cub Park.

Muscle? Ah, yes! Some of these haunting melodies have been suggested for enchanted fans:

Overture—"O'er the Rye." "Fugue—"Stein Song." "March—"Under the Anheuser Busch." "Minuet—"Here's to the Good Old Team—Drink or Down." "Waltz de Concert—"Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes." "Grand Finale—"You'll Get All That's Coming to You."

Although but few suspected an artistic technique, Murphy's temperament is not superficial. It is no violation of confidence to say that his fine Italian hand was plainly disclosed in the summary "resignation" of Manager Frank

terested, and Johnny Wolf, his boat designer, will make every effort to build a world's championship boat in time for the 1915 races, in addition to another new one for the racing of the Pacific Coast title next season.

COMING GAME IMPORTANT ONE Lincoln High-Columbia Football Result May Affect Championship. The two games of the Interscholastic Football League, this week, will about clean up the preliminaries. On Wednesday, Jefferson High will play Portland Academy a game which will determine the situation, as both schools have lost enough games to keep away from the leaders. On Friday, Lincoln High will meet Columbia University, which may have a decided bearing upon the outcome of the series. Should Columbia University win the game, Lincoln would be eliminated from the running. On the other hand, if Lincoln wins, the game with Washington on November 22 will be the real test, and the winner will be the champion.

"Dope" places the two on a par, practically, although some odds on Washington can be found. The backers of Lincoln argue that the team is just getting warmed up, and that the only game in which the team really played was the Jefferson match, won by Lincoln. The third game between a Portland team and a Spokane high school eleven will take place Saturday afternoon, when Washington High will meet the team of Spokane.

FORESTERS TAKE 3 STRAIGHT Wright and Ditson Defeated—City Hall Also Victors. The Foresters' team of the Commercial League took three straight games from the Wright and Ditson five, on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of last week. The City Hall team took two in three games from the Meier & Frank squad, 24-0-23-0.

Meier & Frank.			
	First.	Sec'd.	Third.
Meister	101	133	183
Salzer	111	132	183
Wolfe	102	115	163
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Peterson	100	112	164
Toussaint	100	112	164
Totals	530	761	1170-2390

City Hall.			
	First.	Sec'd.	Third.
Brooks	100	110	157
Hille	101	132	183
Whitesides	100	117	176
Wilkinson	100	117	176
Hedley	100	117	176
Totals	700	885	1325-4500

Wright & Ditson.			
	First.	Sec'd.	Third.
Barotsky	145	161	211
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Amer	100	110	150
Totals	785	788	1124-2270

Foresters.			
	First.	Sec'd.	Third.
Krause	144	162	210
Anderson	144	162	210
Aaron	125	140	180
Fisher	108	127	162
Behr	108	127	162
Totals	733	818	1122-2250

CHEMAMA 20, Pacific "U" 6. CHEMAMA, O., Nov. 9.—(Special).—The Indians today defeated Pacific University in a fast game of football by the score of 20 to 6.

along the texture of certain Portland organizations, the league could not have made a more suitable selection.

SOUTHERN football doesn't generally interest the North because of the general conception that the shady tree habit, heightened by hook-worm weariness, rules the camp of the sub-Mason and Nixon and, for the most part, of lackadaisical pulled one in a football game between Vanderbilt and Rose Polytechnic a week ago that certainly heightened the general estimate of it does nothing else. The exchanges tell the story:

"The opening of the Rose Poly-Vanderbilt game provided a host of interesting incidents. The kickoff was hurriedly, then shot a long pass toward the sidelines to a man in citizen's clothes. He ran 10 yards before being tackled. To the astonishment of all he then peeled off his citizen's clothes and was found wearing a regulation football uniform. Vanderbilt maneuvering in the charge about the court and reminding one of so many Darwinian disciples in a cage.

Portland has had one or two experiences in the past, but the meeting of the John Berg huddle of honesty last winter put the mat game in the shadow here for several years to come. The Swede was given every chance to show his stuff along the greased pathway of purity under watchful eyes until late in the Spring. Then he asserted himself, but when Berg endeavored to "put one over on the dear pre-pur" in a ballkick that had been stung before, even Christian forbearance and fortitude refused to stand the test. Berg is back in town now, and, oddly enough, Oscar Wasmel, the Omaha light heavyweight, has joined the colony. Are the boys laying plans for another joyous mid-Winter house cleaning? Perhaps. But then again, perhaps not. Wrestling at best is about as exciting as hop scotch, but there is one good word to be said about the mat maneuvering in the amateur clubs—it is on the square. Los Angeles found that much out at last and professional wrestling will be about as welcome as the smallestpox in Angelville from this time henceforth.

WHEN Owner Murphy, of Chicago, announced that every player on the Chicago Cubs would be required to sign a total abstinence clause next Spring, the most popular of the old oaken bucket and Plymouth Rock turned over on its side an alarm.

Baseball men from Coast to Coast are now busily engaged in discussing the movement, some in favor, some against. St. Louis Sporting News execrates Murphy; the Philadelphia Sporting Life upholds him just as strenuously, and one New York writer adds: "The only prohibition clause Murphy will put in his 1913 contracts will be one prohibiting the Cubs from winning."

Henry "Big Boy" Johnson, says there will be no total abstinence clause in the contracts he offers the Angels next Spring, and that's about the only

be the all-absorbing topic in the new club, a team composed of stars of the principal teams of last year's amateur field having signed. Football will be started at once, the team having been reorganized. It now weighs about 140 pounds, but the light weight of the team will be counteracted by the experience and experience of the players. Plans are now being formulated for a big smoker which will take place in December. Both the football and basketball clubs are looking for games, which can be arranged by calling T. C. Luke, Main 7215, for football, and W. Morey, Sellwood 1711, for basketball.

WALLOWA HIGH IS CHAMPION. WALLOWA, O., Nov. 9.—(Special).—By a score of 62 to 0 the Wallowa City High School football team carried off the championship of the county when the local team defeated the Yester High School team of Enterprise yesterday afternoon. The contest was a one-sided affair. The local team's goal being in no danger after the first three minutes of the play. The feature of the game was a run by Quarterback Tully of the Wallowa City team, the full length of the field for a touchdown during the first three minutes of the game.

Pierce-Arrow Motor Cars Receive Service at the Factory Branch 14th and Couch Sts. Temporary Quarters. The Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. has a new factory branch at 14th and Couch streets, between the temporary quarters at 14th and Couch streets, and the factory at 14th and Couch streets.

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